



It's About People: Changing Perspectives, A Report to Government by an Expert Social Panel on Dryness

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Abstract:

This is the first assessment to exclusively examine the social impacts of dryness in a review of government drought policy. The Panel believes people should be the priority (and not the farm property or the respective industry), and propose future policy be about people: changing perspectives on dryness. In Changing Perspectives on Dryness, the Panel provides an overview of its preferred policy approach. Rather than providing crisis-framed assistance in times of difficulty, government policy should be focused on early intervention to counteract the worst effects of dryness and to provide incentives in better times which encourage commercially and environmentally responsible management under variable seasonal conditions. Future policy should be focused on the investment in, and the planning for, the wellbeing of farm families, rural businesses and communities and this needs to occur prior to periods of dryness. -- Excerpted Text.

Source:

http://www.agriculture.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/ag-food/drought/publications/dryness_report.pdf

Resource Description

Communication:

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change;
surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

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Communication Audience:

audience to whom the resource is directed

Policymaker, Public

Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Extreme Weather Event

Extreme Weather Event: Drought

Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal

Rural

Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Non-United States

Non-United States: Australasia

Health Co-Benefit/Co-Harm (Adaption/Mitigation):

specification of beneficial or harmful impacts to health resulting from efforts to reduce or cope with greenhouse gases

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Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Mental Health/Stress, Other Health Impact

Mental Health Effect/Stress: Stress Disorder

Other Health Impact: Social well-being

Intervention:

strategy to prepare for or reduce the impact of climate change on health

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Mitigation/Adaptation:

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

Population of Concern: A focus of content

Population of Concern:

populations at particular risk or vulnerability to climate change impacts

Low Socioeconomic Status, Workers

Resource Type:

format or standard characteristic of resource

Review

Resilience:

capacity of an individual, community, or institution to dynamically and effectively respond or adapt to shifting climate impact circumstances while continuing to function

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Timescale:



time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified

Vulnerability/Impact Assessment:

resource focus on process of identifying, quantifying, and prioritizing vulnerabilities in a system

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